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## WAR HAS ENTERED NEW STAGE OF UTMOST GRAVITY: SITUATION EXAMINED IN AUSTRALIA: CALL FOR GREAT EFFORTS TO PREPARE

### Malaya Fully Ready For Attack From Any Quarter

THE WAR HAS MOVED TO A NEW STAGE OF THE UTMOST GRAVITY.

This significant sentence was contained in a statement issued by the AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL which met yesterday to consider the international situation and which was adjourned to meet today, states a message from Sydney.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FAR EAST, and the AUSTRALIAN CHIEFS OF STAFF, have been invited to be present at today's meeting of the War Cabinet.

The statement was issued jointly by MR. A. W. FADDEN, Acting Prime Minister, and MR. J. CURTIN, Leader of the Labour Party, and declared:

### Willkie On Preservation Of Democracy

Speaking in New York, in reply to Col. Knox's statement that America could not spare any more destroyers, MR. WENDELL WILLKIE said that he had just returned.



MR. WENDELL WILLKIE

"The War Council has considered cabled messages which it has received dealing with the recent developments in the international situation. The nature of these messages made the Council adjourn till tomorrow at noon, when Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and the Chiefs of Staff will be present.

"We think we should tell the people of Australia that it is the opinion of this War Council that the war has moved to a new stage of the utmost gravity. This can only be described as of the most serious import. It is necessary to see that the dangers of the next few weeks have been taken into account and that preparatory precautions have been taken. Our land, sea and air forces have been already actively engaged and have proved their metal successfully.

"What the future has in store is not precisely clear but what is clear is that Australia's safety makes it essential that there should be no doubt of the great need there is for preparedness of this country."

The significant statement made by the War Council was carried in all the newspapers in Australian cities and all editions were bought up though the temper of the Australians had been prepared for the news when, after Wednesday's



MR. J. CURTIN

MR. CURTIN, in a separate statement, said that the country should take these steps to safeguard itself because it was the great supplier of foodstuffs, munitions and equipment for the Empire forces and because it was recognised as the chief reinforcement for the fighting strength in the future conduct of the war."

Mr. Curtin added that the Axis method is to attack at many points and the new phase of the conflict may involve Australia.

"From that springs today the danger to us," he said. "Our immediate future holds great possibilities. Our enemies are preparing a huge offensive which will be launched against us in the first weeks of the spring."

"As a nation in the Pacific Australia only desires peace. The possibility of an attack against us has long been foreseen and preparations have been made in our defence measures."

"These preparations were not only for defence but in order to see that Australia should utilise to the full her manpower and industrial war material."

#### MALAYA READY

A London message stated that the whole of Malaya is reported to be ready for attack from any quarter.

Substantial reinforcements have arrived for all armies in the Far East.

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Since Sir Robert Brooke-Popham took over command he has brought about important and far-reaching changes.—(Special)

The London message adds that Franco was to have luncheon with Marshal Petain yesterday at which there were to be present Admiral Darlan, M. Peyrouth, Minister of the Interior, and the French Ambassador to Spain.

## FULL PREPARATIONS FOR GERMAN MARCH INTO BULGARIA: TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS

GERMANY HAS MADE FULL PREPARATIONS FOR MARCHING INTO BULGARIA, STATES A SYDNEY MESSAGE.

The report added that Nazi planes had already arrived at the Bulgarian airports. Bulgarian officials stated that these form part of an order to Germany for aeroplanes but this is dismissed with contempt by Britain and the United States.

In Greece and Turkey there are no illusions about the concentration of German troops in Rumania.

Turkey's attitude, it is reported, will be governed by what Hitler does after Bulgaria in his grip.

There is much speculation over the Russian attitude but the general opinion is that Hitler would not have shown his hand in Bulgaria unless he had the approval of the Soviet Union.

Bulgaria newspapers yesterday published belated comments on Mr. Churchill's speech but made no reference to the present serious position of the country.

While officials maintain that Bulgaria has taken a stand of neutrality there is no convincing refutation of Mr. Churchill's assertion that German troops have already moved into, or through, Bulgaria.—(Special)

### Wops Have Lost 1,000 Planes Since Entered War

The Italians have lost close on 1,000 planes shot down or destroyed on the ground, since they entered the war.

Latest news from Albania is that the Greeks have gained further successes in local operations, and have taken heights of over 6,000 feet in the northern sector.

Greek guns are in continuous action between Pogradetz in the north and Tepelini in the centre.

#### SEVERE FIGHTING

There is severe fighting in Kilia and Tepelini.

The counter-attacks by General Cavallero have been abandoned, his fifth attack being repulsed.

His frantic attacks have resulted in the wholesale murder of the unfortunate Italians, on each occasion 50 per cent. being mown down by Greek fire.—(Special)

#### GUARD TREALED

BUCHAREST, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—The British Legation guard is trebled. Curfew is most strictly enforced and those refusing to obey patrol summons will in future be shot.

Five thousand collapsible wooden barracks accommodating 50 men each have been ordered by the German military authorities.

The total glycerine production is placed at the disposal of the War Office. Government control of maize is under consideration.

Exports can only be made at strict official prices.

#### SOVIET FLEET MASSED

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—A message from Tsuruga to the HOCHI SHIMBUN reports the Soviet Black Sea Fleet, consisting of two battleships, four cruisers, 30

destroyers and 24 submarines, began assembling in the Bosphorus on Feb. 7 while 2,000,000 Red Army troops are massed on the Turkish-Rumania borders.

The message is said to be based on information from Soviet official quarters.

Soviet officials in Vladivostok are reported to be predicting Spain's entry into the war by May.

Germany has probably reached an understanding with Bulgaria and Russia regarding the Balkans, says the NICHI SHIMBUN.

#### AXIS INFLUENCE

"The rupture between Britain and Rumania resulted in the extension of Axis influence in the Balkans. Germany certainly will concentrate her efforts on crush-

ing England but will not hesitate to send troops to Bulgaria in case she thinks peace in the Balkans will be established in so doing, especially since it is safe to judge a perfect understanding has already been reached by Germany with Bulgaria and Russia.

"Britain may count on bombing Rumanian oil fields but success of such attempts is doubtful and it is probable the Germans, in conjunction with the Italians, will commence Greece, thus jeopardising British naval bases in the Eastern Mediterranean."

#### 50,000 NAZI TROOPS

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Fifty thousand German troops are massed at Constanza, Black Sea, according to reports from travellers arriving in Istanbul, says the independent French news agency.

### RICE PRICE MAY RISE IN INDIA

There is a possibility that the price of rice may rise in India, states a message from Delhi.

The possibilities of war in the Far East may lead to shipping difficulties and it is expected that there will be a decrease in the supplies of rice from Burma and consequently an attempt might be made to exploit the situation at the expense of the consumers.

It was added, however, that the Government was endeavouring to arrange for shipments which were expected to arrive shortly.—(Special)

### BLOCKING U.S. DEVELOPMENT

The United States Assistant Attorney-General, giving evidence before the Federal Monopoly Committee, asserted that foreign companies in America were taking out patents on essential war materials in order to block development and create serious shortage, states a London message.—(Special)

### DRIFTER DOWNS JUNKERS

An Admiralty communiqué, quoted in a London message, stated that HM drifter Eager shot down a Junkers 88 from which there were no survivors. One member of the drifter's crew was hurt.—(Special)

### Today's News Summary

A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT to the effect that the war has entered a new stage of the utmost gravity was issued by the Australian Advisory War Council yesterday. A meeting of the Council will be resumed today at which the Commander-in-Chief of the Far East will be present.

IT IS REVEALED that the Italians have lost close on a thousand planes since Italy entered the war. In the fighting in Albania local Greek operations are crowned with success. Severe fighting is reported at Kilia and Tepelini.

GERMANY HAS MADE FULL preparations to enter Bulgaria and Turkey and Greece have no illusions about the concentration of Nazi troops in Rumania. The Germans have ordered 5,000 collapsible barracks while there are pontoon bridging preparations on the Danube.

GERMAN DIVE-BOMBING BASES in Sicily and Italian aerodromes on the Dodecanese were raided by the Royal Air Force and large fires were observed.

Speaking in New York, Mr. Wendell Willkie described Mr. Winston Churchill as the greatest public figure in the world.

### Heroic Triumph

The Turkish newspaper ULUS, commenting on the British campaign in Africa, speaks of it as an unparalleled triumph and emphasises the high morale and technical qualities of the British war machine, states a London message.

The paper concludes: "No doubt is left in our minds as to which side will win."

A Greek newspaper, commenting on the defeat of the Italians, states that the battle is noted as a heroic triumph by their allies and spells irrevocable defeat for Italy.

The London message added that four Indian soldiers had been captured by the Italians. There are now 300 Indian troops as prisoners in Germany.—(Special)

## ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

15th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 22nd February.

On Saturday, 15th, Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

## NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

## ON NO PRETEXT WILL CHILDREN BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

## ANNUAL RACE MEET OPENS TOMORROW TWELVE INTERESTING EVENTS

## ALL TIME RECORD FOR SPECIAL \$1 CASH SWEEP

BY "LAST QUARTER"

Happy Valley is sure to present an animated scene when the first saddling bell is rung at 11 a.m. tomorrow, heralding the opening of the official 1941 ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL, which in all probability will develop into a record breaking meeting in all respects. The first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and there will be a 1500 m. interval after the fifth race (1.30 p.m.). Racing will resume in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

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#### SCHUBERT PROGRAMME WITH HIS "ROSAMUNDE" BALLET

Max Miller

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Says My Heart (film "Cocoanut Grove"); Two Bouquets (film "Kickin' the Moon Around"); I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker-Charles).

12.40 Film Selections.

Alexander's Ragtime Band—M. diey (Berlin) — Lloyd Thomas (Organ). "Wake Up and Live"—It's Swell of You; There's a Lull in My Life—Ruth Etting (Vocal) with Orchestra. "The Hit Parade"—Selection—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London. "Every Night at Eight"—Selection—Phil Green and His Orch.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Composition of Mozart.

Overture "La Flinta Guardiniera," Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Sonata in A Major—1st Mov: Andante grazioso—Variational, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; 2nd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 3rd Mov: Alla turca-Allegretto & conda—Edwin Fischer (Piano). "The Magic Flute"—Seven Variations on the Duet "The Manly Heart"—Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and Theo van der Pas (Piano).

1.30 Renter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements. 1.45 Variety.

Vocal—A Little Rain Must Fall (Lottie and Others); Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane (Peters, Jones); Flie Carlisle with Orchestra. Vocal—Bluebeard; On The Good Ship Ballyhoo—Warner and Darnell. Vocal—Baby, Whatcha Gonna Do Tonight; Head Over Heels in Love (film "Head over Heels") — Lili Palmer with Orchestra. Comedian—When You Hear Music. In A Paradise for Two (both from "Paradise for Two")—Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

3.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Mills Brothers, Josephine Baker and Val Bosing in Variety.

Vocal—Funiculic (Denza); Asleep in The Deep (Petrie, Lamb); The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar). Vocal—La Petita Taquinoise (Christine and Others) — J. Baker; J'Ai Deux Amours (Scott & Others) — Josephine Baker and Adrian Lamé with Orchestra. Orch — Sunday On The Swane (Whitcup-Powell); Za Zoo Za (Large and Others) — Herbie Kay and His Orch. Vocal—Chasing Shadows (Davis & Silver); Ask Your Heart (film "White Lilac") — Val Rosing with Orchestra. Vocal — The Flin Foot Fllogee (Green and Others) — The Mills Brothers and Louis Armstrong.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — Questions of the Hour.

#### 7.30 A Schubert Programme.

Fantaisie In C Major, Op. 15 "Wanderer" — Edwin Fischer (Piano). Rosamunde — Ballet Music — State Opera Orchestra. The Shepherd on the Rock, Op. 129 — Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano and Clarinet.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 An hour of Popular Classics.

Poet and Peasant: Overture (Suppe) — Vienna State Opera Orch. Bell Song ("LaKme") — Delibes — Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar) — London Symphony Orch. cond by Sir Edward Elgar. Largo (Handel) — Albert Sandler (Violin) with Sidney Torch at the Organ. Heavenly Aida, divine Aida (Aida) — Verdi — Jussi Björling (Tenor) with Orchestra. Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff) — Arthur Rubinstein (1940). Muzetta's Waltz Song ("La Bohème") — Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. Fete Dieu A Scville (Albeniz) — Philadelphia Symphony Orch. conducted by Leopold Stokowski. Waltz from "Faust" (Gounod — arr. Liszt) — Eileen Joyce (Piano). Woman is Pickle ("Rigoletto") — Verdi. Jussi Björling (Ten) with Orchestra. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt) — Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond by Leopold Stokowski. Liebesfreund (Kreisler) — Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

9.45 Max Miller in the Theatre. Recorded in the Finsbury Park Empire.

10.00 Musical Comedy Selections.

The Vagabond King — Selection (Friml); The Student Prince — Selection (Romberg) — Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Music In The Air—Vocal Gems (Hampenstein and Kern) — Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Running Riot — Selection — Dobroy Somers Band.

10.30 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—When I Dream of Home; Don't You Ever Cry. Waltzes—When Our Dreams Grow Old; Serenade of Napoli. Fox-Trot—I Was Watching A Man Paint A Fence; Slow Fox-Trot—I Love You Much Too Much. Fox-Trot—A Fine Romance; Waltz — By The Wishing Well. Slow Fox-Trot — A Lover's Lullaby.

11.00 Close down.

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## CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING IN KWANGTUNG AREA

### STAGGERING JAPANESE LOSSES IN RECENT HONAN DEBACLE

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 13 (Central)—There is considerable military action in the Samshui, Fatshan and Sunkai areas. A Japanese column of about 2,000 men launched a northward drive from Samshui on the West River on February 9. A second column of about 1,000 men pushed northward from Sunkai, 17 miles north of Canton, while a third column of equal strength sallied forth from Fatshan, 10 miles southwest of Canton. Fighting continues in these areas.

Following the Chinese recapture of Pingtang and Nanjih Islands off the Fukien coast on February 4, Japanese troops on the following morning made a forced landing at Kwanyiniao in an effort to recapture the islands. Fighting raged until the evening of the next day, when the Japanese were driven away, suffering more than 200 casualties.

### TYPHUS FEVER RAMPANT IN SHANSI

### CIVILIANS DYING BY THOUSANDS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Hundreds of thousands of people in Shansi, most of them civilians, are dying in widespread attacks of relapsing fever and typhus, says Miss Katherine Hall, well-known Shansi missionary who arrived in Chungking en route to New Zealand on sabbatical leave.

The people of Shansi are also facing starvation as much land is left to lay waste since the epidemic began last spring, Miss Hall said.

With young Chinese of the Church of Brethren, Miss Hall visited more than 1,000 villages on foot during the past year having sometimes only two meals of millet daily.

**JAPANESE DEPRADATION**  
In the seaway warfare in eastern Shansi and Northern Honan, Miss Hall reports, Japanese troops set fire to all the villages over a tremendous area besides killing thousands as the Japanese are trying to starve out all the troops and civilians there leaving the people to struggle through the winter without houses or clothing.

### DR. CURRIE CALLS ON MR. LIN SEN

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Accompanied by Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, Dr. Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal representative to China, and Mr. Emile Despres, research official of the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, called on Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, yesterday morning.

They presented to the Chinese elder statesman a badge commemorating President Roosevelt's Third Term.

### SHOOTING INCIDENT IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—A Chinese youth fired a pistol at a motor car outside Paramount Hotel in Yu Yuan Road in Shanghai yesterday afternoon but missed it. Police of the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Municipal Government arrived at the scene and arrested him. The motive of the shooting has not been ascertained.

### Inspection Tour Of Yunnan Border

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—A high ranking Chinese commander is visiting various strategic points along the Yunnan border and is addressing Chinese officers and troops guarding the Indo-China border. During the past fortnight the commander has been visiting frontline positions and observing enemy posts across the border.

### 400 Japanese Wiped Out At Chumation

FANCHENG, Feb. 13 (Central)—About 400 Japanese troops trapped near Chumation, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, 60 miles north of Shenyang, were wiped out by the Chinese on February 9.

Japanese troops made another attack at Chinghokow, southeast of Shai on the Yangtze River circling attack. Thirty Japanese in Hupeh, on February 10. They soldiers were taken prisoner, and broke into the township but were more than 40 Japanese army driven out after a Chinese en-horses were seized.

## NEW LIFE MOVEMENT

### GENERALISSIMO TO BROADCAST TO THE NATION

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Elaborate preparations are being made in Chungking for one week's celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of the New Life Movement which falls on February 19.

"All the executive members of the movement will be entertained at dinner party on the eve of the anniversary, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, founder of the movement, will broadcast a speech to the nation.

On the morning of the anniversary day a celebration meeting will be held.

During the celebration period contests in stenography, accounting, cooking, sewing, cartoon drawing, sculpture, first aid and other fields of work will be held. Lectures on the New Life Movement will be given by such prominent people as Mr. Wu Chih-hui and Mr. Chang Chi, members of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee, and Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, and an agricultural show will be held.

### Colonel Knox Repudiated

### U.S. DESTROYER STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Only fighting on a small scale is taking place in the Bas Bay area, according to General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff.

General Pai said that the Japanese landed at Tungtowwan and Aotow and pushed to Tamshui and Pingwu for the purpose of cutting Chinese communication between Waichow and Hongkong.

Referring to the military operations in south Honan, General Pai said that the Japanese advancing perilously fell into the Chinese encirclement. They aimed at dealing a blow upon the Chinese main force but after pushing as far as Wuyang, they failed to locate it and found their supply route cut and their flanks at Shuyang, Klosan, Chengyang and Miyang subjected to severe attacks.

**STAGGERING LOSSES**

General Pai claimed that the Japanese suffered staggering losses. Upon their withdrawal from Nanyang, they destroyed more than 300 lorries while thousands of rifles and other military supplies fell into Chinese hands.

He further revealed that following the defeat in south Honan, a part of the Japanese troops were sent to Canton by way of Hankow. This movement of troops together with documents seized in the wreckage of the Japanese plane brought down in Chungshan in the opinion of General Pai substantiated reports of Japanese preparations for an imminent southward push.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFENCE OF GUAM AND CUBA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has asked Congress for \$898,393,000 in cash and contract authorizations to expedite the shipbuilding programme and carry out the vast expansion of the fleet and shore facilities.

The sum includes \$4,700,000 to establish fleet operation facilities and bomb-proof shelters on Guam Island in Southern Pacific and \$5,075,000 for similar purposes in Cuba.

### MR. HARRY HOPKINS HELD UP

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy to England, has been held up on his journey home at Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, owing to slight mechanical difficulty in the Clipper in which he was travelling. He is now expected to reach here on Saturday morning.

### Malta Raids

### 36 ALERTS IN LAST SIX DAYS

MALTA, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Several raids on Malta were started during Tuesday night but no damage was done to Government property and no causalities.

One enemy aircraft was damaged during the raid on the R.A.F. detachment on Tuesday afternoon.

Malta had 36 alerts in the last six days.

**CONSCRIPTION**  
Conscription of man-power in Malta both for the combatant and non-combatant services is announced for the near future. These measures have the unanimous support of the Council and the Malta press.

## GENERAL

### COMMONS DEBATE:

## Government Statement On Peace Aims Sought

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Elaborate preparations are being made in Chungking for one week's celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of the New Life Movement which falls on February 19.

"Statements on the British policy will be made by Ministers on occasions when they seem agreeable to public interests."

The matter was raised again on adjournment, in the form of a short Government declaration.

Of the four speakers, two argued for a Government declaration, one against, while the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement Attlee, reiterated that there would be a declaration at the right time, but the Government must be the judge of the right time.

"There is a growing understanding that we are fighting for a new world not only for Britain but for Europe and the whole civilised world," he said.

### POWERFUL WEAPON

"There is a growing realisation of the close linking of our political and economic aims. There is a growing appreciation of the importance of linking peace aims for the world outside and peace aims for this country. But when a statement is made, we want a statement that will make for unity at home, unity with the Dominions, unity with the United States and all civilised peoples in trouble with us."

"The right time must be chosen and the right thing said if we are to use this very powerful weapon to end the war and establish peace."

This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie last night who said he had been so advised by "high authorities."

Mr. Willkie made the statement to pressmen following a remark by Colonel Frank Knox yesterday that the United States "can scare no more destroyers."

His full statement reads: "I am surprised by Colonel Knox's statement. The information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony on Tuesday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without injury to our Navy or national defence, to give Britain immediate and effective assistance by sending her additional destroyers."

**NORTH CHINA TRADE**  
Mention of trade difficulties in North China was also made by Mr. R. H. Morgan, who asked the Foreign Secretary whether exports from North China were permitted only on payment in Japanese Federal Reserve Bank currency and whether imports were not permitted without a licence from the Bank.

Mr. Morgan also asked whether representations were made to Japan that such control was inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking not to injure foreign interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that these facts were known and that repeated representations were made by the British Government and other governments without a satisfactory answer.

**QUESTION TIME**  
At the forthcoming question time in the House of Commons, Sir George Broadbridge will ask whether the Government is aware that the states of Trengannu and Kelantan (Malaya) are sending regular shipments of iron ore to Japan.

He will also ask whether, in view of the fact that Japan has joined the Axis alliance, steps will be taken to top up the supply.

### HEAVY CALIBRE GUNS SHELL BRITAIN

### NO AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Long-range guns from across the water yesterday shelled the south-east coast area.

A loud explosion resembling the discharge of heavy calibre gun was heard, followed by two more such explosions.

Subsequently, shells burst in the air over the town and large splinters were picked up.

Two houses were damaged but no casualties were reported.

**RAID FREE DAY**  
An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué yesterday again reported "nothing to report during daylight."

Up to a late hour last night there was no report of enemy air activity over any part of Great Britain.

### BLenheim Bombers FOR MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Following the despatch of formations of Blenheim bombers to Northern Malaya some days ago, it is officially announced that similar formations of modern bombers of the Australian Air Force have also taken up station in that area.

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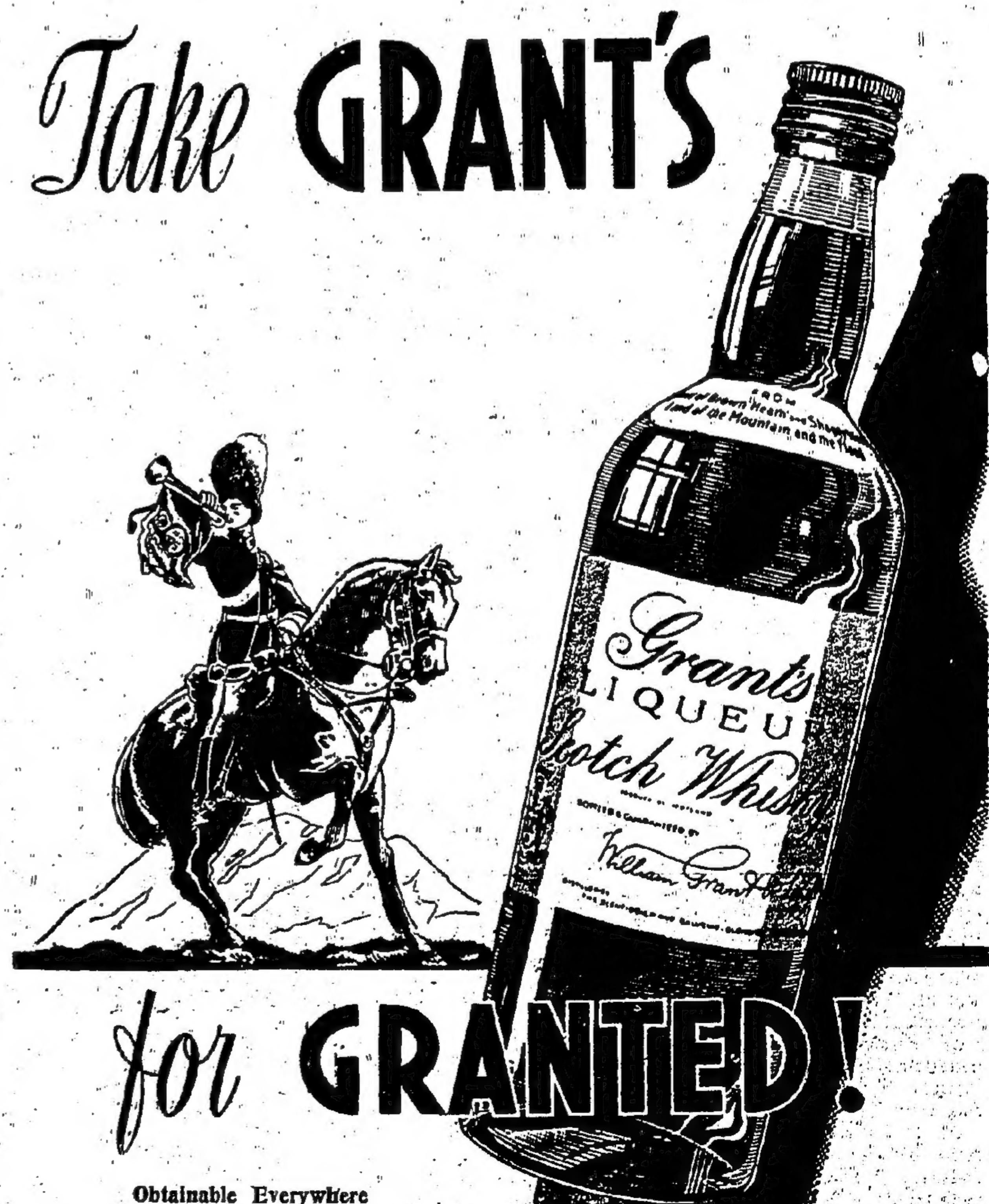
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## POLICE CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST "TSE-FA"

### Fines Totalling \$1,330 Imposed Yesterday

Fines totalling \$1,200 were imposed on 15 persons by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and table money aggregating \$75.99 was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

All defendants were charged with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of "tse fa" at different addresses in Hongkong on Feb. 12.

### Novel Case At Summary Court

#### MISREPRESENTATION ALLEGED

Alleging that the defendant had induced her to marry him by false pretences, Lai-Kwai-chan, of No. 262, Lockhart Road, brought a claim for \$1,000 against Li Man-chu, of the Man Kwok Garage, No. 439 Hennessy Road, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva who described the case as a novel one. Defendant appeared in person.

Before proceeding with the claim, his Lordship pointed out that in her affidavit the plaintiff had stated that she was a spinster while in the statement of claim the word "marriage" was mentioned.

#### AMENDMENT SUGGESTED

Replying Mr. Silva remarked the error was an unfortunate one and suggested that the writ be amended by the substitution of "contract" or "resultant ceremony" for the word "marriage."

His Lordship said he was not prepared to allow the amendment at this stage as it was of importance that the defendant should know what he was being sued for beforehand.

Pointing out that the claim was not founded upon "contract" but upon tort, Mr. Silva said that his Lordship was well aware there was no remedy in this Colony for an unmarried mother to obtain maintenance for her illegitimate child.

"Another anomaly of the laws of this Colony," continued Mr. Silva, "is that, as far as the Chinese are concerned bigamy is not a felonious crime, but it, as in the present case, there has been a misrepresentation that the girl is being married as a kit fat wife, it would constitute a misdemeanour under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance of 1938."

Asked by his Lordship if criminal proceedings had been taken, Mr. Silva replied in the negative.

The case was adjourned sine die for the amendment to be made.

#### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Defendant, according to the statement of claim, offered to marry plaintiff in February, 1940, representing himself as an unmarried and a bachelor. In reliance of that presentation, plaintiff entered into a marriage contract with defendant on March 2. A child was subsequently born, and it was discovered later that defendant was in fact a married man at all material times. Because of the "marriage" plaintiff had expended \$405.30 on furniture and clothing, and this amount constituted part of her claim.

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 1941, there were altogether 22 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 21 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, age 54, was knocked down and killed by a private car while crossing the carriageway.

Of persons injured, 13 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway.

Of 82 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles, 34 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 24 accidents were due to other causes.

The theft of a water pump, valued at \$40, from No. 118, Austin Road on Wednesday has been reported to the police by Mr. George Young.

### DELIGHTFUL CONCERT

#### FINE RENDITIONS BY STRING BAND

A delightful musical evening was spent by the large audience who attended the second concert of the Little Flower Club, King's Park, last night.

A feature of the programme were the renditions by the Club's string band, "A Lira da Florinhas," whose items well deserved the spontaneous applause.

Miss Lilian Foster evoked much laughter with a monologue entitled, "What Is A Gentleman?" while the tap dance exhibition by the Personality Girls (Miss Delta Silva) was also well received.

The duties of M.C. were ably discharged by Miss N. M. Osmund. The total receipts amounted to about \$200.

#### THE PROGRAMME

L. F. C. String Band — L. F. C. Anthem; March: Chiribiribin (Soprano Solo, Miss D. Souza); Vocal Duet — La Seltita (Irene Osmund and Therese Rodrigues); Two Songs — (Mrs. E. Carvalho); Monologue — "What Is A Gentleman?" (Miss L. Forster); L. F. C. String Band — Love Is All; Gavotte: La Espanola.

#### INTERVAL

L. F. C. String Band — Waltz; When We Are Married (Vocal, Irene Osmund and Therese Rodrigues); Comical Song — La Potegola (Miss E. Souza); Two Songs — (Mrs. E. Carvalho); Personality Girl — Tap Dance — by Miss D. Silva; L. F. C. String Band — Serenade by Schubert (Vocal, Miss D. Souza); La Vergine Degir Angel (Soprano Solo, Miss E. Yuen, and Chorus); God Save the King.

#### PLANE STRIKES JUNK MAST

According to a Police report a commercial plane, believed to be a "Eurasia" machine, which was gliding down towards Kai Tak Airport, struck the mast of a junk when about 300 yards from the seawall on Wednesday.

The plane only sustained slight damage to its wing but it landed safely. The company's officials, however, have expressed ignorance of this accident.

The same report stated that it was not known whether any damage was done to the junk but, apparently, no persons were injured.

#### Chinese Red Cross Society To Meet February 15-16

The National Red Cross Society of China will hold its annual conference here on Feb. 15 and 16 under the chairmanship of Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States and President of the Society.

Members of its Executive and Supervisory Committees, who are expected to attend include Messrs. Wang Hsiao-ial, K. H. Ling, Y. M. Chien, and Hsu Shih-ying and Drs. J. Heng Liu, C. Pan and Robert Lin.

During the conference, the work of the Society last year will be reported and plans for relief work during the current year will be discussed.

### False Affirmation On Probate Alleged

Committal proceedings of the case in which LUI FOK-WING, alias Kong Keung, 45, broker, and, LI WAH-SING, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, are charged with uttering a forged document on June 18, 1940, purporting to be the will of the late Lau Mau, obtaining a loan of \$3,000 on mortgage of the property mentioned in the will, and causing rent on the property to be collected, knowing that the will to have been forged, was begun before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

First defendant was additionally charged with making a false affirmation at the Supreme Court after his death.

ALLEGED ROBBERY

Some time in May, 1940, title deeds of the property, which were entrusted to a Lau Hi-kai by the deceased four or five years ago, were lost as a result of an alleged robbery at the former's house.

On June 18, 1940, first defendant filed an application for probate, which was granted on July 27.

On Aug. 28 of the same year, after raising a mortgage of \$3,000 on the property, first defendant proceeded to provide a power of attorney in favour of second defendant to collect rent.

First defendant was stated to have no relationship whatsoever with the family.

Further hearing was fixed for Feb. 20, at 2.30 p.m.

### GENERAL

### WOMEN PANIC IN KOWLOON CONFLAGRATION

#### CIGARETTE STUB CAUSE OF FIRE

The Chung Hwa Book Factory, Hungsho, was the scene of some excitement about 11.30 yesterday morning when hundreds of women workers, frightened by the fire alarm raised in the factory, rushed out to the streets.

The conflagration broke out in one of the store-rooms in which papers and cloths were stored. Two appliances were early on the scene and with the assistance of folk of the company had the fire under control within 20 minutes.

The first was first discovered by a watchman who saw thick smoke coming out from the depot. The Police and Fire Brigade were immediately summoned. Inspector A. Baker and Sgt. A. F. Hayes were early on the scene and assisted in the operations.

It is believed that the fire was caused by a cigarette stub carelessly discarded by a folk. Damage, however, was small.

#### WORLD EARS ON CHINESE MUSIC

The prophecy that some day all the ears of the world will turn on Chinese music was made by Mr. Fung Hin-chung in his talk on "Some remarks on Music" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club in the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

The reasons which led the speaker to draw his conclusion were stated as that the advancement of Western music had reached its peak and that the new and younger generation of the West were always wanting something new.

Chinese music centred on melody, while Western music put more weight on harmony, he said.

Mr. L. K. Chu thanked the speaker.

#### H. K. LAND INVESTMENT PROFIT

The following report will be presented to shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at noon on Monday, Feb. 24.

The net profit for the year, before providing for the amortisation of Crown leases and the replacement of buildings by writing off depreciation, amounts to \$1,077,574.06 which with \$645,958.74 brought forward from last year has been credited to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

An interim dividend of \$1 per share, absorbing \$300,000, has already been paid and after writing off \$27,704.48 from land and \$225,590.57 from buildings, there remains a balance of \$1,170,237.75 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share on 300,000 shares, \$450,000; to add to special repairs and renewals account, \$5,754.80; to pay a bonus to staff, \$10,000; to transfer to General Reserve account \$40,000; to carry forward unappropriated, \$664,482.95.

#### CHINA PROVIDENT TO PAY DIVIDEND

The Board Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, was held yesterday and it was decided, subject to audit, to make the following recommendations to share-holders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

To Pay a Dividend of 50 cents per share, \$221,106.50; To Pay a Bonus of 25 cents per share, 110,553.25; To Pay a Bonus to Staff, 25,000; To Transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000; To Carry Forward to 1941 Account, \$6,490.19. Total, \$467,149.94.

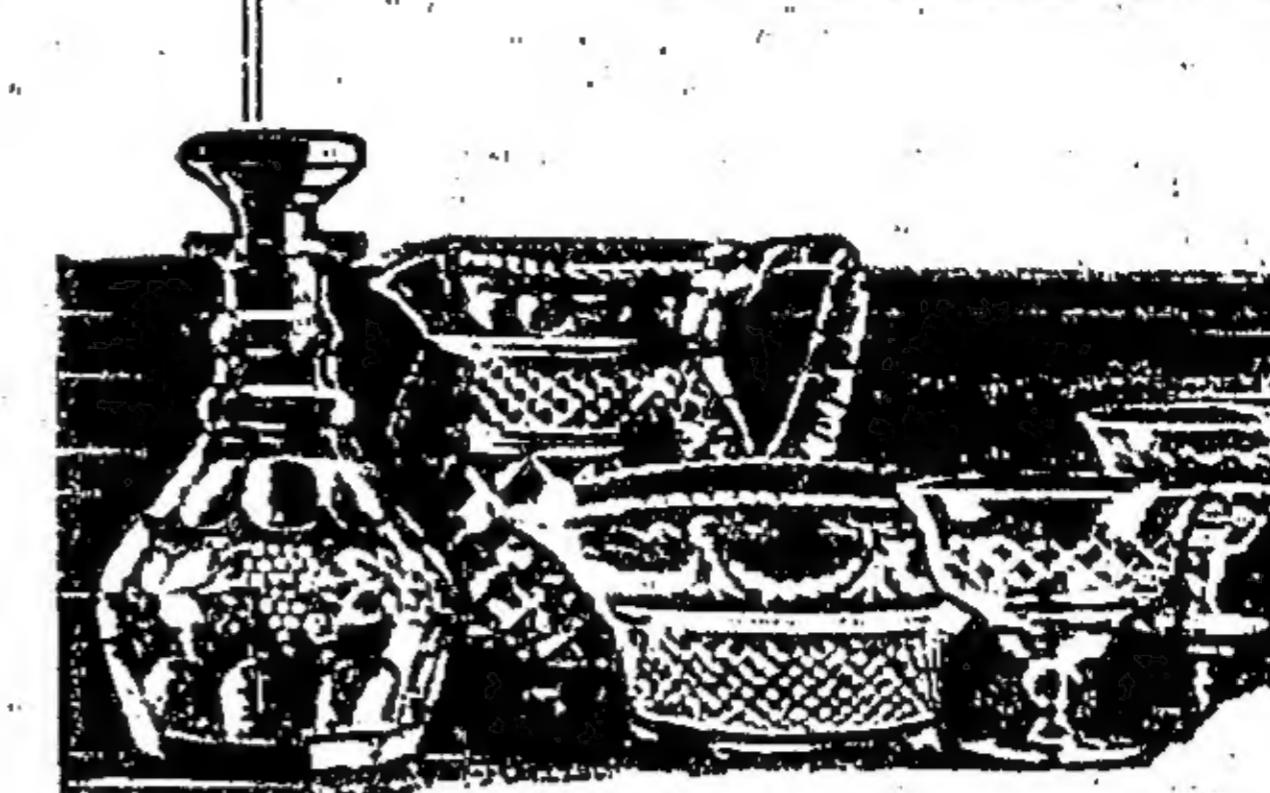
#### VALENTINE DAY

Today, Feb. 14, Valentine Day, was up to the beginning of this century, celebrated as a lover's festival—a day on which it was the custom to send anonymous love-tokens, or "Valentines", to one's girl friends.

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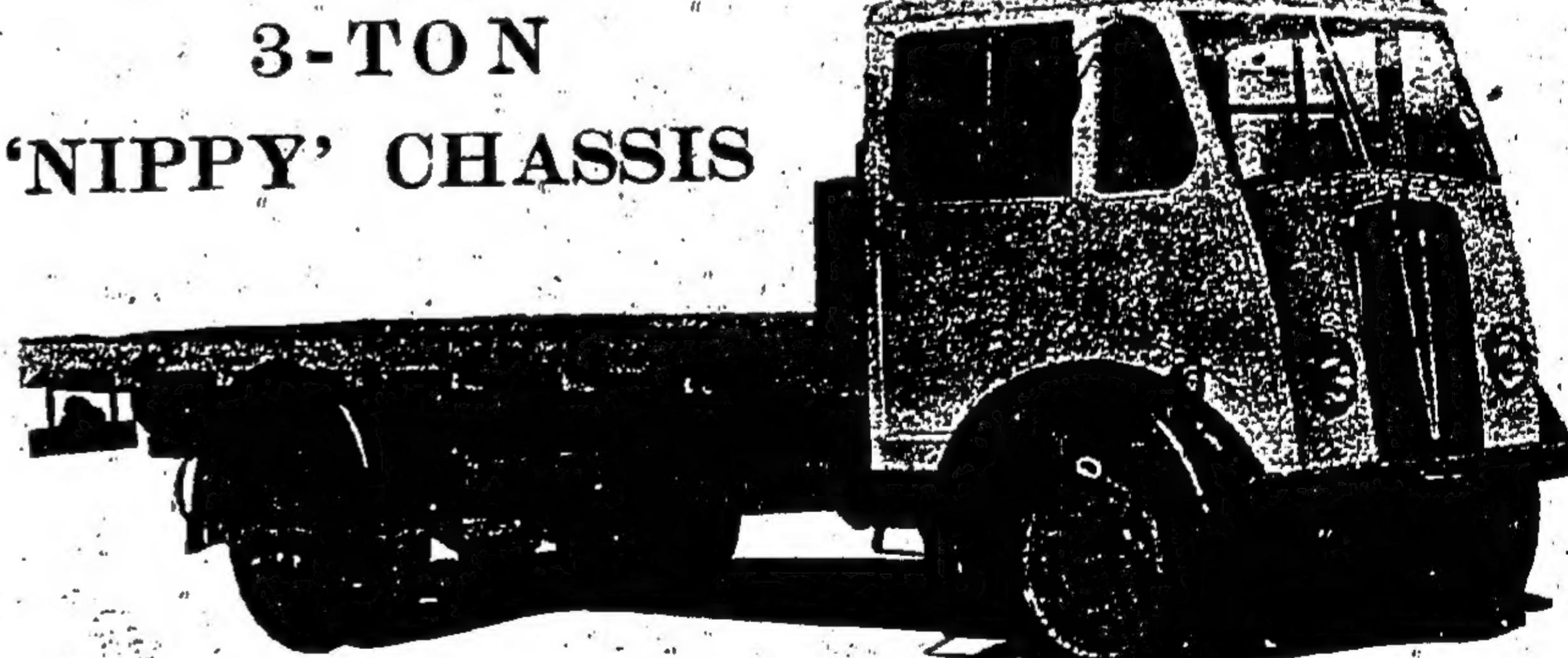
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1. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.

2. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.

3. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.

4. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE.—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

11. Extra Race Meeting during the year 1941.—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road. Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE RACE COURSE.

1. The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.

2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.

3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

C. G. PERDUE,  
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

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## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

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## BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 17th and 18th February (RACE MEETING). Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

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## JAPAN AND NAZI CALCULATIONS

HERR HITLER has been making some rapid calculations in an attempt to balance his "ambitions' budget," which has begun to show a big deficit in the west.

The sum total of this laborious study of the political and military problem now confronting him has resulted in an attempt being made to his credit side an uncertain and already jumbled figure represented by the Japanese nation.

The error of these calculations lies in the fact that, while they might pretend to increase his falling credit balance, the value of this addition is inconsequential owing to the heavy subtractions which have already been made from the original Japanese units of economic and military strength.

The metaphor serves to illustrate the value of the move which Herr Hitler is obviously making to involve Japan in war with Britain and the United States in the vain hope that, by creating a conflict in the Pacific, he might so cause Britain to disperse her military and naval strength and embroil the United States in major naval operations, that Britain's home front will suffer in consequence and become weakened by the failure of the United States to supply her with the large-scale assistance now being planned.

THE MOST incredible factor in these calculations is that the Japanese appear to be blindly willing to be led into this tremendous swindle. They have already had the privilege of hearing a quick answer from President Roosevelt to Herr Hitler's wishful thinking that involving the United States in war will retard American assistance to Britain. They have been made aware of the huge preparations which have been made in Australia and in Singapore to resist any attempt by their militarists to attack these vital outposts of the British Empire. They must realise that the fight, if and when it comes, is not going to be just a walk-over for them and that their already strained financial, economic and material resources must surely crack under the strain of a long major battle. And what is far more important to Japan is that any decision which they might thus make to spread the hostilities to the Far East will serve them most disastrously in their expedition into China—a venture which is even now proving more of a nuisance to them than ever before.

"The whole crux of the situation," he stressed, "is to know whether we are to build up a national supply organization before we feel the full force of the crisis, or whether we will let the crisis gain headway."

He then urged farmers to increase their production, and announced that a system of bonuses for large crop yields would be instituted shortly.

"In this country in which the people are unanimously behind the Chief of State, a collaboration between agriculture and trade's being established," he said in conclusion. "It must be completed soon. At this price only can France be saved."

## EDITORIAL

DEVELOPMENTS IN FAR EAST:  
FORMER SHANGHAI EDITOR'S VIEW  
ON PRESENT SITUATION

"PATRIOTIC AND OBEDIENT AS THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE, DISCONTENT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RISING AMONGST THEM," SAID MR. O. M. GREEN, former editor of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the developments in the Far East.

"In the past few days," said Mr. Green, "Japan and her intentions have taken the leading place in all newspapers. Almost daily Mr. Matsukawa has delivered some fiery speech, now threatening, now declaring that Britain and the United States are trying to encircle Japan, but always declaring that nothing will stop her from carrying out her aims."

## HITLER'S PRESSURE

"It is well-known that Herr Hitler has been trying to induce Japan to take some action in the Far East at the same time that he starts his 'blitz' in Europe. It is also well-known that there is a section of the Japanese who are for falling in with this scheme."

"Japan also has need for the riches of Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, to solve her financial and economic difficulties which she has been experiencing since the start of her war in China. Every year Japan's budget has risen by 1,000 million yen and it is now nearly six times what it was before the war began."

Mr. Green said that taxation in Japan had now reached its limit and the standards of living of the Japanese people, always so very simple, have been cut down severely.

The fact also that the death penalty would now be imposed for publishing any diplomatic articles considered against the state was particularly significant.

## HEAVY COST

"There is not the slightest sign that the war in China is going to end," continued Mr. Green, "It has cost the Japanese a million casualties and other difficulties."

"The plain common-sense view of the whole situation is that Japan is after further military adventures. There is reason to believe that there is an increasing number of sober-minded men who believe that it will be preferable to wait and see how Herr Hitler's plans turn out before plunging into a war at his behest."

## BITTEN BY WIFE

Mr. William Edward Mason, Russell-road, Palmers Green, N. W., was granted by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court a decree nisi because of the cruelty of his wife, Mrs. Jessie Kathleen Mason, alleged that she struck him in the stomach and made him faint; and bit him on the left arm, making it bleed badly.

to take steps which obviously have been suggested by Berlin. The so-called Nationalist Association has thus relegated to itself the entire responsibility of dragging the Japanese nation into a position from which it will be difficult to withdraw. The cry of protest against what this association calls "interference with Japan's living space" is a perfect imitation of the "lebensraum" whine of the Nazis and the utterances made at the inauguration of this National body might well have been prepared by Herr Hitler himself. It thus becomes clear that Herr Hitler has found another willing tool to carry out his behests—probably under the most gratuitous promises of "help yourself, comrade" to anything Japan may like in the Far East! The Japanese have, it seems, been made to believe that a Nazi victory is certain, and, despite growing evidence of how far Herr Hitler's calculations have proved totally wrong in the past, their militarists are lending themselves to become participants in a huge gamble, which, if they lose, will see a repetition of the ludicrous situation which the lesser gangster of Europe has led his country into. The Japanese people have always been prone to speak of their heaven-born inheritance—it is left to be seen whether even this peculiar asset will help to avert the disaster into which they are being led.

THE whole crux of the situation," he stressed, "is to know whether we are to build up a national supply organization before we feel the full force of the crisis, or whether we will let the crisis gain headway."

He then urged farmers to increase their production, and announced that a system of bonuses for large crop yields would be instituted shortly.

"In this country in which the people are unanimously behind the Chief of State, a collaboration between agriculture and trade's being established," he said in conclusion. "It must be completed soon. At this price only can France be saved."

THE EXTENT, however, which Nazi influence seems to have secured in Japan is noticeable in the news published yesterday that a newly-formed association has called upon the Government

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## MILITARY SITUATION IN AFRICA &amp; THE BALKANS UNDER REVIEW

"I personally have been confident for some little time that we could get to Benghazi. Since the capture of Tobruk it seemed certain that no resistance from Italy would stop General Wavell's forces," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of The Times, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the further British successes in Africa and on the later military developments in the Balkans.

Capt. Falls said that two factors might have stopped General Wavell's advance—the difficulties of maintaining communication lines and transport of supplies and the second was the risk of making the attempt if only for its strategic importance.

## STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

"The first problem was solved by the aid given by the Mediterranean Fleet," said Capt. Falls. "The British Government have now felt compelled to withdraw their Minister from Bucharest. This action has been taken because Germany has constituted in Rumania, without protest from the Rumanian Government, what amounts to an expeditionary force, the object of which is believed to be to occupy Bulgaria and from Bulgaria to threaten Greece and Turkey. It is also reported that the Germans have been installing themselves on Bulgarian airfields and if they have, it could not be without the complicity of the Bulgarian Government. This is obviously to have everything ready for a march south."

"Our forces covered a great deal of ground in defence as well as attack. So I took it for granted that Benghazi would be ours. I did not look forward to seeing it in our hands so soon. That last rush of 150 miles in 30 hours is something new in warfare and it will mark a milestone in its annals."

"It was like the arc of a circle and our forces bottled up the Italian force which was striving to escape to Tripoli. There was very sharp fighting with this Italian detachment, which was supplied with tanks and which made a determined effort to fight its way through."

"Our men were again inferior in numbers and history shows that it is not always a happy day for a smaller force which finds itself in the path of a retreating army."

WELL-WORTH HAVING

"Benghazi is well worth having. The harbour is a good one. It can take large supply ships and cruisers, though it won't take a battleship. It provides a useful base for an offensive and for the transport of supplies."

"I also imagine that a certain amount of supplies can be drawn from the recently conquered country."

"The Army of the Nile did not rest content with the capture of Benghazi. Its advance guard swept on to El Gahila, 170 miles up the road from Benghazi and only ten miles from the border of Tripoli."

"The operations in East Africa are continuing satisfactorily," continued Capt. Falls, "but there is comparatively little to be said about them at this stage. There is one new development which is of remarkable interest. Our forces on the frontier between the Sudan and Eritrea have opened out a new line of operations on the coast."

ADVANCE TO RED SEA

Capt. Falls pointed out that the success gained here would hasten an advance to the Red Sea port of Massawa. The campaign in East Africa differed from that in Libya, because so far the Navy had not been able to give the land forces any direct assistance as it had done along the Mediterranean coast.

"The exhibition of some 500 photographs, the work of the Chinese Mohammedan Goodwill Mission during its recent tour of British Malaya and other South Sea regions, was continued yesterday at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., under the auspices of the Hong Kong branch of the National Women's Relief Association. A number of purchases were made by visitors and all proceeds are for the relief of refugees."

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## JAPANESE FIRMS CLOSE NEW YORK BRANCHES

IN SPITE OF THE ARRIVAL OF ADMIRAL NOMURA, THE NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, IN WASHINGTON, JAPANESE RESIDENTS ARE CONTINUING TO LEAVE AMERICAN SHORES AND SEVERAL BUSINESS FIRMS HAVE CLOSED THEIR NEW YORK BRANCHES, STATES A SAIGON MESSAGE.

Admiral Nomura paid a formal call on Mr. Cordell Hull on Wednesday and arrangements are being made for the Japanese Envoy to present his credentials to President Roosevelt today. (Special)

### "NOTHING SO DANGEROUS"

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—If President Roosevelt's denial of war danger in the Pacific is based on the completion of a system of full collaboration between the United States, Australia and Britain for the defence of South Pacific against Japan then "there is nothing so dangerous," declares the Japanese military organ, YOMIURI SHIMBUN, commenting on President Roosevelt's statement at the Press conference on Feb. 11.

The paper asserts that the United States has actually sent a naval observer to Australia and is reportedly planning to send observers to Auckland, Singapore and Capetown. This places the waters east of the Suez under the control of the United States.

The paper believes that as a result of the talks between Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister, the United States has been given the right to use Australian ports and air bases.

## EXTENSIVE AIR ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

### Addis Ababa Drome Bombed By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—The military aerodrome at Addis Ababa was among the targets bombed by our aircraft in Abyssinia on Tuesday. A number of bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and direct hits were registered, causing fires to buildings and hangars.

The Keren-Asmara area was also subjected to a number of raids. Motor transport convoys between the two towns were heavily bombed and also machine-gunned.

Stores and dumps north-east of Keren were also attacked.

Fighters of a South African unit, which encountered five CR-42's (Italian fighters) off Asmara on February 10, shot down two in flames.

### INTENSE ATTACK

One of the most intense bombing raids yet carried out by the South African Air Force took place on February 10 when a number of bombers dived on military objectives at Afmadi (Italian Somaliland). Several direct hits were observed.

Eighty-six unserviceable enemy aircraft have been found by our forces on the landing ground at Benina, near Benghazi. These included one HE 111 and one JU 88 (German machines).

From all the operations under review, our aircraft returned safely with one exception.

### ERITREA ADVANCE

KHARTOUM, Feb. 12 (Reuter)—British troops who have penetrated into Eritrea from the North are now advancing beyond El Grena, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

The capture of El Grena was announced yesterday by British General Headquarters.

The British troops have improved their positions in the hills surrounding two important heights, which they are now attacking after driving back strong Italian counter-attacks.

El Grena is an important post thirty miles south-east of the small frontier town of Karora which was captured last weekend.

Prisoners taken at Karora are now known to number forty-three as well as seven machine-guns and fifty camels.

## NEW DUTCH BATTLESHIP

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Just before the collapse of Holland, a Dutch battleship, which was being completed, was brought across the North Sea by Dutch sailors and dockyard workers to a British port.

Yesterday, this vessel was for the first time inspected by Queen Wilhelmina who was welcomed at the dockyard by the Dutch Naval Commander-in-Chief and the Netherlands Prime Minister.

This new Dutch battleship is now a valued part of the Allied Naval strength.

### BRITISH PILOT OFFICER BURIED

### Plane Shot Down In Genoa Shelling

ROME, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—A British flying officer, whose name is given as Sub-Lieutenant Attborough, was buried with military honours at Leghorn yesterday.

He was described as one of the occupants of the British plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire at Leghorn on Sunday.

Italian officers of all arms and a naval Guard of Honour attended the funeral at the English cemetery.

A wreath from the Italian Navy and one from the American Consul were placed on the coffin.

The editor of the Admiralty communiqué on the shelling of Genoa said one Swordfish plane was missing.

### NEW CHIEF OF SOVIET STAFF

MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—General Zhukov is appointed the new Chief of the General Staff, his predecessor being General Meretkov who was made Vice-Commissioner for Defence and chief of staff in September last.

General Zhukov earned the title "hero of the Soviet Union" for his achievements in the miniature frontier war against the Japanese in 1939. General Meretkov is also "hero of the Soviet Union" for his part in the war against Finland. Both men have the title of "General of the Army" of which there are only three.

### S. HONAN RELIEF

LAOHOKOW, Feb. 13 (Central)—The War Zone Women and Children Relief Commission has sent delegates to south Honan to relieve the women and children refugees who are in serious plight.

## NEW U.S. ENVOY TO LONDON



Mr. John B. Winant, the new United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's.

## FOOD SHORTAGE IN EUROPE

### Germany Disclaim Hague Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—The German claim that International Laws do not oblige Germany to supply food to people outside Reich territory exposes the emptiness of the earlier Nazi boast that they could guarantee the feeding of everyone on the continent, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry denies the German disclaimer, pointing out that the Hague Regulations of 1907 provide that "after legal authority has actually passed into the hands of those occupying the country, the latter are under an obligation to take all measures possible to maintain public order and safety."

An official of the Ministry today gave further evidence of the blockade for the food shortage in many parts of German-controlled Europe which, he said, was actually due to German depredations.

German long range guns, mounted on the French coast, went into action across the Straits of Dover yesterday morning for the third day in succession, states a London message. (Special)

## CABLE

### DEMOCRACY MARCHES:

## BRITAIN'S EFFORTS IN THE WAR TO SAVE THE WORLD

"A nation at war is like an invalid man; it must control its strength and if its people will forego certain privileges, then they will save their country, if by their sacrifices they can preserve their liberty," said MR. SIDNEY HORNIBLOW, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "Democracy Marches."

Mr. Horniblow, who was addressing his remarks particularly to the people of the United States, said that even if they were 3,000 miles away, their life would be upset.

### WHY SHOULD IT HAPPEN?

"I know what you are thinking," continued Mr. Horniblow. "You are thinking that life was so pleasant, why cannot it stay like that? Then your President tells you that you must pay money in taxation. Many of your young men have been called up for national service. It may be that before long you may have to give up some of the luxuries you are used to. And therefore you say: 'Why on earth should this happen to us?'

"That is what we said three years ago. One by one countries in Europe were threatened and many argued 'Why meddle in their affairs? Let them settle it.'

"Then it dawned on us that this was not going to be a war to save one nation or another—it was going to be a war to save the whole world. It was a war of good against evil, a war to preserve the Christian way of living and that this was the turning point in man's history. Do you see this conflict in that light?

NO ORDINARY WAR

"Our women and children are being machine-gunned by Nazi airmen. Our homes and business houses have come crashing down about our ears and our hopes and ambitions have been smashed too."

"But this is only the material position. We can bear it, though what we cannot bear is the loss of someone dear to us—a tousle-headed child, a frail old man, a wife or a mother. It is when we see these things that we know that this is no ordinary war. It becomes a tremendous stroke to stem the tide of evil."

"That tide has already crushed eight nations—and they asked for nothing but to be left in peace. And now they have to range themselves on the side of good or evil. We see a new crusade and it is

the manufacturer had also adopted his plant to increase production. Factories were working night and day. The average weekly pay for men had been more than doubled and they worked for six and even seven days in the week. They all lived on the slogan "We want orders—not appeals."

"I emphasise this point, because the compulsory control by the state is, I feel, a step in the right direction and, in the true spirit of democracy," said Mr. Horniblow.

### ORDERS—NOT APPEALS

It was the same story with regard to the manufacturers. Most

of them had already given over

their plant for war work. His

workers had previously enjoyed a

forty-hour week. That was an

end now. One out of every four

of these workers had been called

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The only difference, Capt.

Lyttelton declared, is that the pol-

icy must be given a different em-

phasis to meet the needs of the

war. "We must mobilise and de-

ploy our exports as a general

directive," he observed. "Exports

are a vital weapon in the pros-

ecution of the war."

Three points he stressed were:

Our main need is foreign ex-

change to pay for imports. We

must export most to countries

whose currency is in dollars or is

readily changeable into dollars.

We must fulfil the needs of the

sterling areas, especially when they

are making munitions.

### SHOULD BE MAINTAINED

Exports to our Allies and friends

should be maintained even when

the exchange is not very attrac-

tive to us, so as to avoid undue

interference with their internal

economy.

It will probably depend on the

decision taken whether Lloyd's

and the insurance companies in-

clude a special insurance cover-

ing the risk.

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## TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR

"YOUR DEEDS MEAN MUCH MORE THAN THE OVERTHROW OF THE ENEMY. THEIR EFFECT CAN EASILY MEAN THE TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR," declared the Australian Prime Minister, MR. R. G. MENZIES, when addressing Australian troops states a London message.

A visit to Benghazi was a fitting close to Mr. Menzies' nine days tour of the battle area in Libya. Travelling in an R. A. F. bomber escorted by fighters, Mr. Menzies returned from Cairo on Wednesday. General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Forces, joined the party near Tobruk.

General Mackay, Commanding Australian troops in Libya, entertained Mr. Menzies, General Blamey, General O'Connor, Australian brigadiers and senior officers of the R. A. F. at luncheon after which the Australian Premier spoke to pilots and men of Australian Squadrons and commended them on their wonderful work.

This is important, because underwriters in the open market are under a pledge not to insure property on land against war risks.

A leading Lloyd's underwriter

has expressed the opinion that the Government should include

looting in the cover given against war risks under Part II. of the War Risks Insurance Act. At present this applies only to stocks of

goods for sale and does not include personal effects or the contents of private houses.

### RAID LOOTING INSURANCE

### LLOYD'S STUDY QUESTION

The question of insurance

against looting after air-raid

damage is being studied at Lloyd's

and by the insurance companies.

The British Government's refusal

to pay such claims is held to con-

stitute a definite ruling that loot-

ing is not a war risk.

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### LIABILITY DISCLAIMED

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Thursday and Friday, the 13th and 14th February, 1941.

commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

at H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong and at Kowloon Naval Depot.

## OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES

comprising—

Boats, Motor and Sailing (Hull only) Old Tools, Canvas, India Rubber, Clocks, Leather, Electric Gear, Lamps, Binoculars, Oars, Cordage, Firewood, Blankets, Counterpanes, Carpets, Beds, Wash Basins, Furniture, Electric Cable, Oil Drums, Dirty Oil, etc.

and

Zinc Ashes and old Iron and Steel.

Lots may be inspected on Wednesday, 12th February, 1941.

(Only British Subjects will be admitted into H.M. Naval Establishments to view or bid for the lots).

Terms of Sale:—As detailed in Catalogue.

## LAMMERT BROS..

By Appointment, Auctioneers to the Admiralty.

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Friday, the 14th February, 1941.

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## A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:

Teakwood Dining Room, Bed Room, Drawing Room and Office Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Wardrobe Trunks, Chesterfield Suites, Curios, Ornaments, Pictures, Clocks, Cutlery, E. P. Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Gramophones &amp; Records, Electric Lamps &amp; Heaters, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

## A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and

3 Bed Room Suites, 1 Dining Room Suite, 1 Portable Typewriter "Remington", 1 "Asia" Cine Projector 16 mm A.C./D.C. 110-220V.

On View from Thursday, the 13th February, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery

## LAMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS.

## POLICE REPORTS

Mr. Chan Kai-ming, of No. 14, Whitfield Road, has informed the Police that his No. 4 concubine absconded on Wednesday with money and jewellery aggregating \$3,762.

Mr. Li Kwan-ho reports that someone obtained \$200 by means of a trick from him on Russell Street on Wednesday.

Mr. Wong Chung-hu, residing at No. 40, Conduit Road, reports that \$85 worth of jewellery was stolen from his house between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Wednesday.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

23 others, charged with gambling were each fined \$3.

Mrs. Tobias and the two railway guards pleaded not guilty to the charge, saying that they went there to look for friends, but were convicted.

Det.-Sgt. F. A. Estall, prosecuting, said that the Police was long aware of the existence of the gaming house but failed to keep track of it for it moved from place to place. Raids were carried out at noon on Wednesday simultaneously at three addresses.

Table money amounting to \$23.58 was picked up and ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

## LARCENY BY BAILEE

Appearing before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday on the charge of larceny of a large quantity of goods by bailee, Cheung Kwan-tai, 42, junk master, was remanded for 48 hours.

It was alleged that defendant obtained 1,080 bean cakes, 10 bags of fertilizer, two cases of miscellaneous goods, 23 cases of Pirate Cigarettes, 20 cases of Wan Kam Lung cigarettes, two cases of native cloths and two wooden masts from the Yuen Yee Transportation Company by means of fraud.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the prosecution, while Mr. Arculli will defend accused.

## ROBBED FELLOW-LODGER

For stealing a gold ring, valued at \$14.50, Tsui Wai, 24, shop boy, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$50 promising to be of good behaviour for a year by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope, prosecuting, said that complainant, Li Kai, 18, shop boy, lived together with defendant at No. 200, Reclamation Street. On Tuesday defendant disappeared with the gold ring which complainant had placed inside a tin box.

When questioned defendant took Li to a friend's house where the gold ring was recovered.

## WILD TREE WOOD

Li Kong, 18, spinster, was charged before Mr. Barnett yesterday with unlawful possession of 50 catties of wild tree wood at Tai Po Road, near the 44-Mile Stone. Accused, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, was fined \$10 or three weeks in prison.

Three more women, Chan Yat, 40, Kwan Oi, 50, and Cheung Kan, 49, who were similarly charged, were each bound over in the sum of \$10.

## THREAT ALLEGED

Chan Fan, 35, who was charged with loitering at No. 119, Reclamation Street, was discharged by Mr. Barnett yesterday owing to insufficient evidence.

About 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday complainant went into the kitchen where he saw defendant standing on the roof. Complainant went up to the roof himself but before he reached there defendant jumped down and was arrested by a hawk.

Accused said that he was never on the roof and alleged that a number of people assaulted him and accused him of going up there. He showed his Worship a stab wound on the arm which was allegedly inflicted by the people.

Asked why he did not go to hospital, defendant alleged that a constable threatened him with death if he should go.

## CONSTABLE CHARGED

Constable 588, Wal Sui-ying, 28, of Wanchai Police Station, was charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on two counts of misconduct.

## D. O. SOUTH

## JUNK HOLD-UP RECALLED

Further evidence was heard by Mr. S. F. Balfour, at the District Office South yesterday, in the case in which Tsang Shing, Leung Kau, Chan Chong-nin, Chan Sik-kwan, and Cheung Hee were charged with robbery by two or more and receiving stolen property.

It was alleged against the defendants that they robbed Kwok Wing, Sin Kan, and others on board trading junk No. T25542 of the East Brother Islands, on Jan. 16, of \$98.80 in Hongkong currency, clothing and personal property, and merchandise.

Sin Kan, master of the trading junk, stated in his evidence that three men boarded his junk from a smaller boat, off the East Brothers Island at about 6 p.m. on Jan. 16, and after searching the boat and passengers decamped with money and various property. All the men were armed with a revolver each. They stayed about one hour on board.

Formal evidence of arrest was given by Chinese detective Chu Ming and Kong Wing, and Sgt. Rose; while Un Hin Young, interpreter attached to the Water Police Station, testified to the statements made by all the accused in answer to the charges. All the defendants denied the charges.

Further hearing was then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

## POLICE RESERVE SQUAD DRILL COMPETITION

## Emergency Unit Win: High Standard Witnessed

A very high standard of squad drill was seen at Police Headquarters yesterday, when the Indian and Chinese Companies and the Emergency Unit of the Hongkong Police Reserve held their Squad Drill competition.

Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner of Police, Chief Inspector A. W. Smith and Capt. E. N. Thursby, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., were the judges.

## KEEN COMPETITION

In presenting the Cup to the winners—the Emergency Unit—Mr. Perdue stated that the competition was very keen and that every Company displayed a very high standard. The Judges were unanimous in their opinion that the Emergency Unit put up the best show.

The first unit on parade was the Indian Company, under Sgt. Lam Din, followed by the Chinese Coy. under Sgt. Ts'o Chiu-on, and the Emergency Unit under S.I. M. A. da Souza. Each Company paraded for fifteen minutes during which time an inspection was carried out by the three judges.

## Bankrupt's Reluctance To Part With Estate

The reluctance of a Chinese bankrupt to part with his share in a rubber estate in Netherlands East Indies for the benefit of his creditors was revealed at the Singapore High Court when an application for his committal to civil prison for contempt of court came for hearing before Mr. Justice Pedlow.

The bankrupt was Lim Ee, the sole proprietor of Chop Swee Guan Hong Kee, and his liabilities amounted to \$55,212.65. He was adjudicated a bankrupt on August 23, 1935.

In his public examination, the bankrupt admitted that he had a one-third share in the estate and later gave a power of attorney to a notary public in Tandjiong Pinang, authorizing him to sell his share in the estate. He then revoked the power of attorney and denied that he had any share in the estate.

The bankrupt was trying to dispose the estate on his own. He also understood that the bankrupt was the sole owner of the estate.

If the bankrupt's brother and his nephew had a share in the estate, they could claim from the Official Assignee.

The bankrupt: I want two weeks' postponement.

His Lordship: I will not allow you any time. Unless you sign the document which the Official Assignee wants you to sign, I will send you to gaol.

The bankrupt agreed to sign the document and asked the court to make an order for the sale of his share to pay his creditors.

Mr. Po pointed out that the best thing would be to sell the whole estate. He added that so far he had not received any claim from the bankrupt.

The bankrupt told the court that the land was not in his name; it was in the name of his nephew. He added that he was prepared to bring witnesses to testify that he had no share in the estate.

His Lordship: You cannot alter a statement which you made at the public examination and tell lies to the court now. It seems to me you are trying to defraud your creditors. I will have to send you to prison if you do not execute the necessary document for the sale of the land.

On being told that his name was on the title deeds, the bankrupt said that he signed his name on behalf of his nephew, who was a minor.

His Lordship: I do not believe an iota of what you say. You are merely attempting to defraud your creditors.

## SOLE OWNER

Mr. Po pointed out that he understood from the Consul-General

## More R.A.F. Posts For Local-Born

Further technical posts, though of a minor nature, are being offered to Asiatic British subjects in the Royal Air Force.

Applications are invited from Asiatic British subjects for enlistment as fire fighters and range spotters at the R.A.F. Station, Seletar. The ability to read, write and speak English is essential, but no other qualifications are compulsory.

Applicants are asked to apply in their own handwriting stating place of birth, age and standard reached at School to the Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Seletar. Testimonials should not be sent with applications and official replies will only be sent to those selected for interview.

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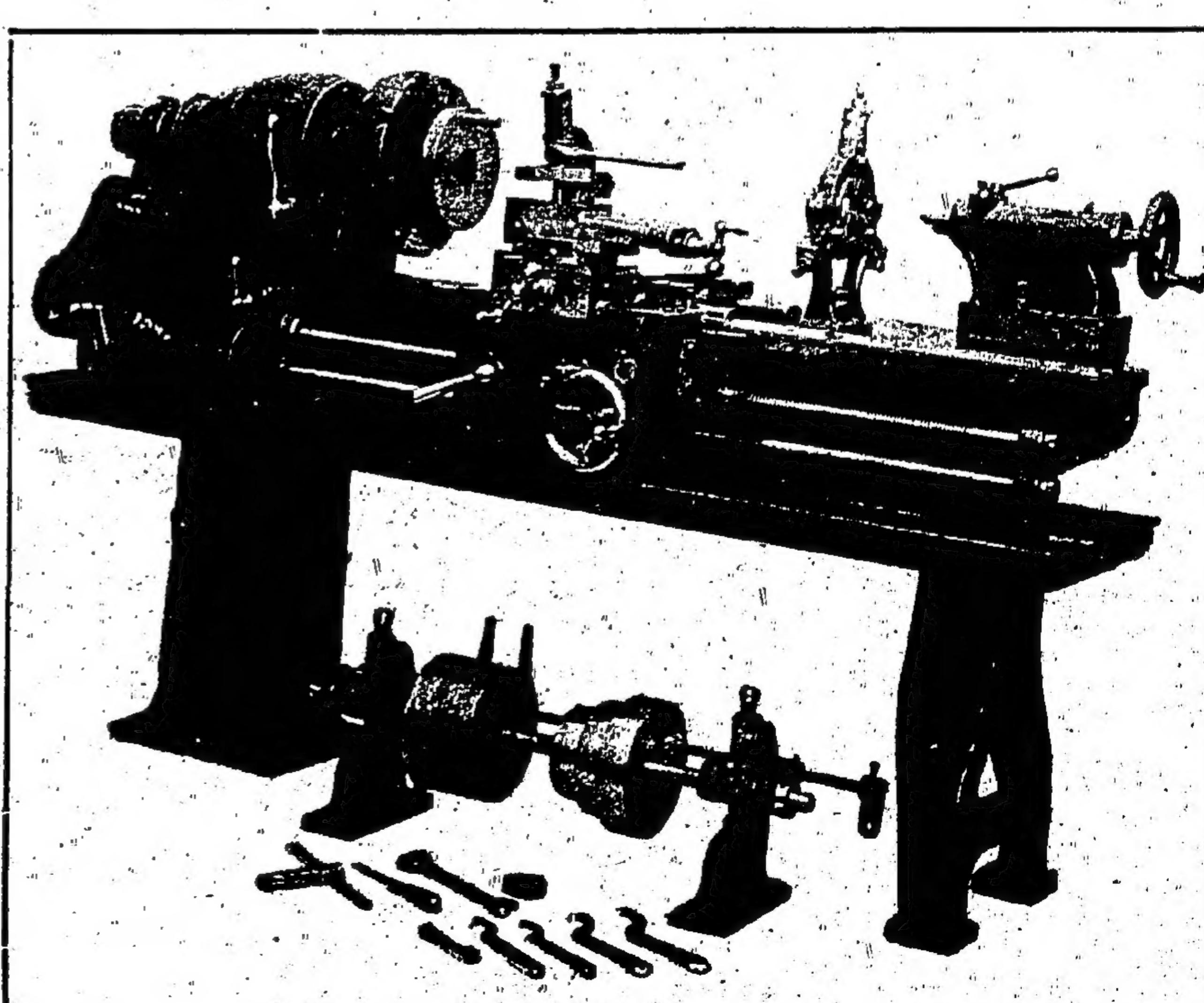
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## AMERICA'S DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

How to maintain peace and production in defence industries engaged more of the government's attention this week than at any time since rearmament began. Several members of Congress introduced bills to effect the purpose.

Representative Smith of Virginia, author of the pending Wagner act amendments, proposed penalties up to life imprisonment for saboteurs of defence projects; thirty-day notices before labour could strike or employers impose lockouts; abolition of the requirement that a seeker for defence employment shall join a labour union, or abstain from joining it.

Representative Hoffman of Michigan would bar the union initiation fees imposed on workers before they can do cantonment labour. Senator Ball of Minnesota would set up a special defence conciliation unit in the Department of Labour. There is a general unit already, writes Arthur Krock.

The Administration was deep in study of the subject, but its comment was meager. "Only life imprisonment?" the President retorted when his press conference brought up the Smith bill.

And Attorney General Jackson, replying to a question from Chairman Sumners of the House Judiciary Committee, said he had no suggestions for new legislation to maintain defence labour peace and production, whereupon Mr. Sumners passed on his inquiry to the War and Navy Departments and to the members of the Advisory Defence Commission.

Until or if legislation is enacted, or there is some new step in administrative policy, responsibility for industrial defence conditions will continue to rest with the Labour Department's conciliation service and with a very effective and interesting set-up in the Defence Commission about which little is known or has been published up to the present time.

### RECORD OF SETTLEMENTS

In the last five months this Defence Commission group has handled 210 labour disputes. No stoppages of work occurred in 100 cases, and in all but a few of the remaining cases the interruption was brief—from a few hours to a day or two. Up to the time of the Vultee strike the record made was exceptional. And, compared with defence labour breaks in the same periods in 1916 and 1917, the improvement is marked.

An odd combination of citizens handles these delicate matters for the Defence Commission, its generally successful position being that production must go on for reasons of patriotism while both sides talk of the issues. Sidney Hillman is the chief of the division. His executive assistant is Dr. Isador Lubin.

Under these two operate two labour representatives—Joseph Keenan of the A.F. of L. and John Owens of the C.I.O. But the associate of Messrs. Hillman and Lubin is a defence worker whose presence in Washington is little known to the general public despite the fact that he is given a large share of credit for the success of the labour division. This is E. D. Bransome, president of the Vanadium Company.

Mr. Bransome is industry's representative in the division. There is no question of his devotion to and belief in the capital system, the profit motive, and the character and ability of American industrial management. He is forthright and bold and his outward manner has given him the name of being hard-boiled. Messrs. Hillman and Lubin are equally sympathetic with the case of labour, and the manner of both is mild. Nevertheless, this strangely assorted trio has worked smoothly and harmoniously and each one has nothing but praise for the other two in the group.

### HANDLING EMPLOYERS

The labour division has no set pattern of operation. But generally its method is this:

When the Labour Department's conciliation has run into a stone-wall, into an adamant employer or workers' group or both, it is supposed to give forty-eight hours' notice of impending trouble to the Hillman-Lubin-Bransome trio. If it is the employer who seems to be making most of the trouble, Mr. Bransome takes him on. If labour appears to be unreason-able, the task is assigned to Mr. Hillman or Dr. Lubin.

Labour has for a long time known that it has friends at court in Washington. But industry has not been so persuaded. Therefore, to discover that in Mr. Bransome it has one who understands and sympathizes with its difficulties and can make suggestions from experience as an employer, has many times had a "softening" effect on industry when softening was the reasonable process. When Mr. Bransome has concluded that the employer was correct in his stand he

## Wool From Fish Refuse

The abuminous substance, contained in the refuse of fish but wasted so far, may be applied as fine material for making artificial wool, it was recently discovered in an artificial silk manufacturing company at Gifu City, Gifu Prefecture.

The new process, according to the Hochi, has been fully tested for its effectiveness and its industrialisation is being considered among those interested, who are reported to be arranging for the establishment of a factory solely devoted to its manufacture with a fund of \$72,000 which has been increased by \$12,000 as a subsidy by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

As Japan is famed for her rich production of fish with the fish refuse being roughly estimated to reach some 400,000 tons a year the possible production of artificial wool out of the fish albumen will attain the annual level of 210,000,000 pounds if one-third of the fish refuse is utilized in this manner, according to the Figaro, is the paper further reports.

## Finance and Commerce

### HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

			THURSDAY				
			13 F.B.				
Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal		Buyer	Seller	Sales
		\$1410	...	H.K. Banks	...	C.D.	\$1410
		277	£90	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	X.D.	280
		277	11/16	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...		277
		28	223	Chartered Banks	...		223
		211	211	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...		211
		276	276	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...		276
		18 cts.	18 cts.	Bank of East Asia	...		18 cts.
				N. C. & S. Banks	...		
				Insurances	...		
				Canton Insurances	...		
				Union Insurances	...		
				Underwriters	...		
				H.K. Fire	...		
				Shipping	...		
				Douglas	...		
				Steamboats	...		
				Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	...		
				Indo-Chinas (Def.)	...		
				Waterboats	...		
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...		
				H.K. & E. Wharves	...		
				Providents	...		
				H.K. Docks (Old)	...		
				H.K. Docks (New)	...		
				+ Shanghai Docks	...		
				Mining	...		
				Kailans	...		
				Raubs	...		
				Hong Kong Mines	...		
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...		
				H.K. & S. Hotels	...		
				H.K. Lands	...		
				Do. 4% Debentures	...		
				Shanghai Lands	...		
				H.K. Realities	...		
				Humphreys	...		
				Chinese Estates	...		
				Cotton Mills	...		
				Ewo (S.)	...		
				S'hai Cottons (S.)	...		
				Zoong Sing (S.)	...		
				Wing On Textiles (S.)	...		
				Public Utilities	...		
				H.K. Tramways	...		
				Peak Tram (old)	...		
				Peak Tram (new)	...		
				Star Ferries	...		
				Yunati Ferries	...		
				China Lights (O.)	...		
				China Lights (New)	...		
				H.K. Electric (Old)	...		
				H.K. Electric (New)	...		
				Macao Electrics (Old)	...		
				Macao Electrics (New)	...		
				Sundakan Lights	...		
				Telephones (old)	...		
				Telephones (new)	...		
				S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...		
				Industrials	...		
				Cald. Magc. (Ord.)	...		
				Cald. Magc. (Pref.)	...		
				Canton Ices	...		
				Cements	...		
				H.K. Ropes	...		
				H.K. Govt. Loans	...		
				4% Loan	...		
				3% (1934)	...		
				3% (1940)	...		
				Miscellaneous	...		
				Dairy Farms	...		
				Entertainments	...		
				Constructions (old)	...		
				Lane Crawfords	...		
				Nanyang Tobacco	...		
				Sincere	...		
				Watson	...		
				CH. G. 5% 1925 G.Bds	...		
				CH. Wing On	...		
				S'pore Wing On	...		
				Vibra Piling	...		
				Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...		
				Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...		
				Wm. Powells	...		
				China Lights (Rights)	...		
				+ Sale to Shanghai	...		

### ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

An important consequence of the European war is the economic transformation of several South American states, of which Brazil provides the most striking example, according to Sapiens, financial editor of the influential paper *Le Figaro*.

While ten years ago Brazil was primarily an agricultural country, with coffee being its most important product, today she tends towards a gradual industrialization.

Although coffee is still the most important element in Brazilian trade, constituting the largest item in Brazil's national income, it represented merely 30 per cent of her exports in 1940, as against 60 per cent in 1930.

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### HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Feb. 13, 1941.

#### SALES

H.K. Banks C.D. ... \$1,380.00  
China Providents ... 1,000.00

500 5.75

200 17.70

400 40.00

A.S. Watsons ... 500 11.00

500 11.00

H.K. Tramways ... 100 12.00

3,000

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

The New York Commodity Market was closed on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and the following were the prices quoted in New York on Feb. 11:

	Prev.	Today's	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.40	10.31	10.39	10.36	10.36	10.36	0.03 off
New York Rubber, March	20.15	20.08	20.02	20.10	20.10	20.10	0.08 up
Chicago Wheat, May	81 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{1}{4}$	81 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{1}{4}$	79 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ off
Chicago Corn, May	61 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$	61 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 off
New York Hides, March	12.42	12.26	12.47	12.26	12.26	12.26	0.21 off
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Closing	Change		
March	10.39/39	10.39/38	10.38/38	10.38/38	0.03 off		
May	10.37/37	10.38/38	10.33/33	10.33/33	0.04 off		
July	10.25/25	10.24/25	10.21/21	10.21/21	0.04 off		
October	9.78/78	9.79/79	9.78/78	9.78/78	unch.		
December	9.73/73	9.77/77	9.72/72	9.72/72	0.01 off		
January	9.70 N	9.71b/74a	9.69 N	9.69 N	0.01 off		
Spot	10.94		10.91	10.91	0.03 off		
Total sales Monday:—37,100 bales.							
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.							
NEW YORK RUBBER							
March	20.02/02	20.02/10a	20.10 N	20.10 N	0.08 up		
May	19.95b/20.05a	20.20b	20.20b	20.20b	0.28 up		
July (New contract)	19.78/80a	19.85h	19.85h	19.85h	1.11 up		
September	19.63/65	19.70 N	19.70 N	19.70 N	0.15 up		
Total sales:—880 tons.							
CHICAGO WHEAT							
May	81 $\frac{1}{4}$ /81 $\frac{1}{4}$	81 $\frac{1}{4}$ /81 $\frac{1}{4}$	80/79 $\frac{1}{4}$	80/79 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ off		
July	75 $\frac{1}{4}$ /75 $\frac{1}{4}$	75 $\frac{1}{4}$ /75 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ /74 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ /74 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ off		
September	75 $\frac{1}{4}$ /75 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ /74 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ /74 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$ /74 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ off		
Monday's sales:—7,870,000 bushels.							
CHICAGO CORN							
May	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ b	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ /61 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /61 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /61 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 off		
July	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ b	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ /61 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /60 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /60 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 off		
September	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ a	—	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /60 $\frac{1}{4}$	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ /60 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 off		
NEW YORK HIDES							
March	12.47b	12.42/42	12.26/27	12.26/27	0.21 off		
June	12.26/26	12.18/18	12.10/12	12.10/12	0.16 off		
Total sales for the day:—137 contracts.							
NEW YORK COCOA							
March	5.34 N	5.33b/34a	5.43 N	5.43 N	0.14 up		
May	5.43/43	5.33b/44a	5.58/58	5.58/58	0.15 up		
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3							
March	2.00b/01a	—	2.01b/03a	0.01 up			
May	2.05b/05a	—	2.07b/08a	0.02 up			
Volume of business done:—38 lots							
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4							
March	.683b/.694a	.689/.699	.684b/.694a	.691a/.692a	unch.		
May	.71b/.72a	.724/.73	.71b/.72a	.724/.73	unch.		
Volume of business done:—182 lots.							
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES							
March	11.45b/50a	11.40b/50a	11.45b/49a	11.45b/49a	unch.		
July	11.30b/38a	11.25b/36a	11.28b/32a	11.28b/32a	0.02 off		
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4	40.3	40.3	40.3			
NY-London Cross Rate 4.03	34-3/4	40.3	40.3	40.3			
SHANGHAI DOLLARS							
Opened with sellers at 445. The lowest rate touched was 443. Business was arranged at various rates. At the close there were sellers at 444, buyers at 444.1/2 for Cash.							
SHANGHAI MARKET							
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 3.23/44. Later the rate rose to 3.25/44. At the close at Noon sellers were quoted at 33/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 5.13/32. Subsequently, the rate rose to 5.15/32 for Spot. Closed with sellers at 5.17/16 for Spot.							
AFTERNOON MARKET							
The market was quiet in the afternoon.							
STERLING							
There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3/1/32 for Cash.							
U. S. DOLLARS							
Sellers at 24.3/16 for Cash, buyers at 24.5/18 for Cash.							
SHANGHAI DOLLARS							
Opened with sellers at 443 and closed with sellers at 439 for Spot.							
SHANGHAI MARKET							
Sterling at 3.25/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5.1/2, both sellers for Spot.							
Shanghai Exchange							
Shanghai, Feb. 13 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates							
Opening							
London 0/3-5/18							
New York 5-1/4							
Japan 22-1/4							
India 18-3/4							
Paris nominal							
Hongkong 22							
Sterling							
Openings							
Closing							
Spot 0/3-23/64 0/3-23/64							
Feb. 0/3-11/32 0/3-25/64							
Mar. 0/3-21/64 0/3-3/64							
U. S. Dollars							
Spot \$5-13/32 \$5-1/2							
Feb. 5-13/32 5-1/2							
Mar. 5-3/8 5-15/32							
Market—Steady.							
Silver Duty Rate							
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/22.							
The Equalisation rate was 23 per cent.							
Calcutta Exchange							
Bombay, Feb. 12 (Reuter). Govt. 34% Rupee, 96-02-0.							
T.T. on Japan, 61-1/4							

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 13, 1941

On London:—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/3

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/3

Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:—

On demand 430

On Singapore:—

On demand 82 3/4

On Japan:—

On demand 102 1/2

On India:—

Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2 and demand

On New York:—

Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/4

Credits 60 days' sight 24 1/2

On Batavia:—

On demand 44 1/2

On Paris:—

Bank Bills, on demand Nom.

Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:—

On demand 103

On Manila:—

On demand 47 1/2

On Bangkok:—

On demand 149 1/2

On Sterling Notes:—

Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.

Bar Silver per oz. ... 23 5/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Feb. 13.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23.5/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady and featureless. American Silver market was closed yesterday.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2.

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SAIGON

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\* ANYO MARU Saturday, 1st Mar.

RANGOON &amp; CALCUTTA via Singapore

\* NAGATO MARU Friday, 21st Feb.

KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA

TATUTA MARU Tuesday, 25th Feb.

ATUTA MARU Monday, 3rd Mar.

NITTA MARU Tuesday, 11th Mar.

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## Port To Be Closed For 3 Nights

## Black-out Measures By Harbour Dept.

A Harbour Department notification issued yesterday states that black-out exercises will take place on the nights of Feb. 26/27, 27/28 and Feb. 28-March 1, 1941.

In these exercises the black-out will automatically commence at sunset (1828 hours) on Feb. 26 and will remain in force until sunrise (0648 hours) on the morning of March 1 when normal lighting and sea traffic will be resumed.

2 (a).—External lights or every description on board vessels are prohibited, and all internal lights must either be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction.

Torches may be used to meet any special circumstance, but they must be screened with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint.

## LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED

(b).—The following lights in the Hongkong area will be extinguished during the period of the black-out:—Waglan Island, Tatshong Point, Cape Collinson, South Lyemun, Channel Rocks, Cuck Rock, North Fairway Buoy, Central Fairway Buoy, South Fairway Buoy, Green Island, Cheung Chau Island Passage, and the lights at the Entrances to the Yaumati, Bay Typhoon Shelter.

Normal lighting will be resumed on the night of March 1/2, 1941.

## PORT CLOSED

3.—The Port will be closed to all inward and outward shipping at sunset on Feb. 26 to sunrise on Feb. 27, from sunset on Feb. 27 to sunrise on Feb. 28 and from sunset on Feb. 28 to sunrise on March 1, during which periods no movements of vessels, etc., will be permitted inside the Port.

A restricted ferry service will be maintained by the Star Ferry and the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 (a) which includes navigation lights, and in this connexion the prescribed pier lights at Hongkong and Kowloon will be permitted provided that such lights cannot be seen from above and do not throw any light on to the water.

Should the "Air Raid Warning" Signal be given while the ferry is under way, she must proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or pier until such time as the "Raider's Passed" Signal has been sounded.

## MARINERS WARNED

A derelict vessel, almost submerged, has been reported as sighted in a position at approximately Lat. 20 deg. 19' N. long. 111 deg. 05' E., by the master of the a.s. Sapporo Maru. The position is at the approaches to Hainan Strait.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday

was 68 and the minimum 57 com-

pared with 75 and 63 on Wednes-

day.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 4.08

inches against an average of 1.95.

The Royal Observatory report

states:—

An intense anti-cyclone covers

China, Japan and the neighbour-

ing seas. Pressure is relatively

low over Thailand.

## 81 Japanese Ships Sunk In 1940

Chinese mines hit and sank 81 Japanese war vessels of different sizes in the Yangtze last year, announced Admiral Chen Shaokuan, Chief of Naval Headquarters, in his review of Chinese naval operations for 1940.

Among the enemy ships destroyed were 19 large and medium-sized transports, nine medium-sized transports, two merchantmen, 43 steam-launches, six large tug-boats and one small steamer. Japanese ships damaged or whose destruction has not been confirmed are not included.

It was conservatively estimated that a medium-sized Japanese warship displaces 1,000 tons, a transport or a merchantman 3,000 tons, and a steam launch from 300 to 500 tons. On this basis Japan's loss in tonnage last year would total around 88,800 tons.

## TOTAL LOSS

Again, if a medium-sized Japanese warship is worth \$5,000,000, a transport or a merchantman \$600,000, a steam launch \$300,000, and a tug-boat \$100,000, then the total loss would exceed \$70,000,000. To make good the loss, Japan will have to spend a much larger sum in view of the higher replacement cost of materials, labour and other items.

Admiral Chen said that there is really no way of ascertaining the quantity and value of military supplies and ordinary cargo which went to the bottom of the Yangtze with the ships when they were sunk by Chinese miners. The figures, when known, must be staggering. Between 2,000 and 3,000 Japanese soldiers were drowned, though the total number of lives lost must be higher.

Despite Japanese vigilance, Chinese "naval guerillas" slipped through enemy lines and laid close to 1,000 mines in the Yangtze River throughout the year, causing heavy damage to Japanese shipping.—(Central News).

## Kwangsi to Breed Better Horses

To improve the breed of horses for military and other uses, the authorities have decided to establish an additional breeding centre at Liangfengchen near here. Similar centres have been set up at Ishan, Tu-an and Kweihsien, where Mongolian and Arabian horses are cross-bred.—(Central News).

## LAND RECLAMATION BUREAU CREATED

As a measure to promote production, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has created a Land Reclamation Bureau. A set of regulations governing the organization and functions of the Bureau was promulgated by the National Government in a mandate yesterday.—(Central News).

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Feb. 13.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.19 ins.

Temperature, 60 F.

Humidity, 66 per cent.

Wind Direction, NNE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Temperature: Maximum yesterday

75 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night

55 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st

4.08 ins.

Against an average of, 1.95 ins.

Sunset tonight, 8.19 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.56 a.m.

4 p.m. Feb. 13.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.15 ins.

Temperature, 57 F.

Humidity, 67 per cent.

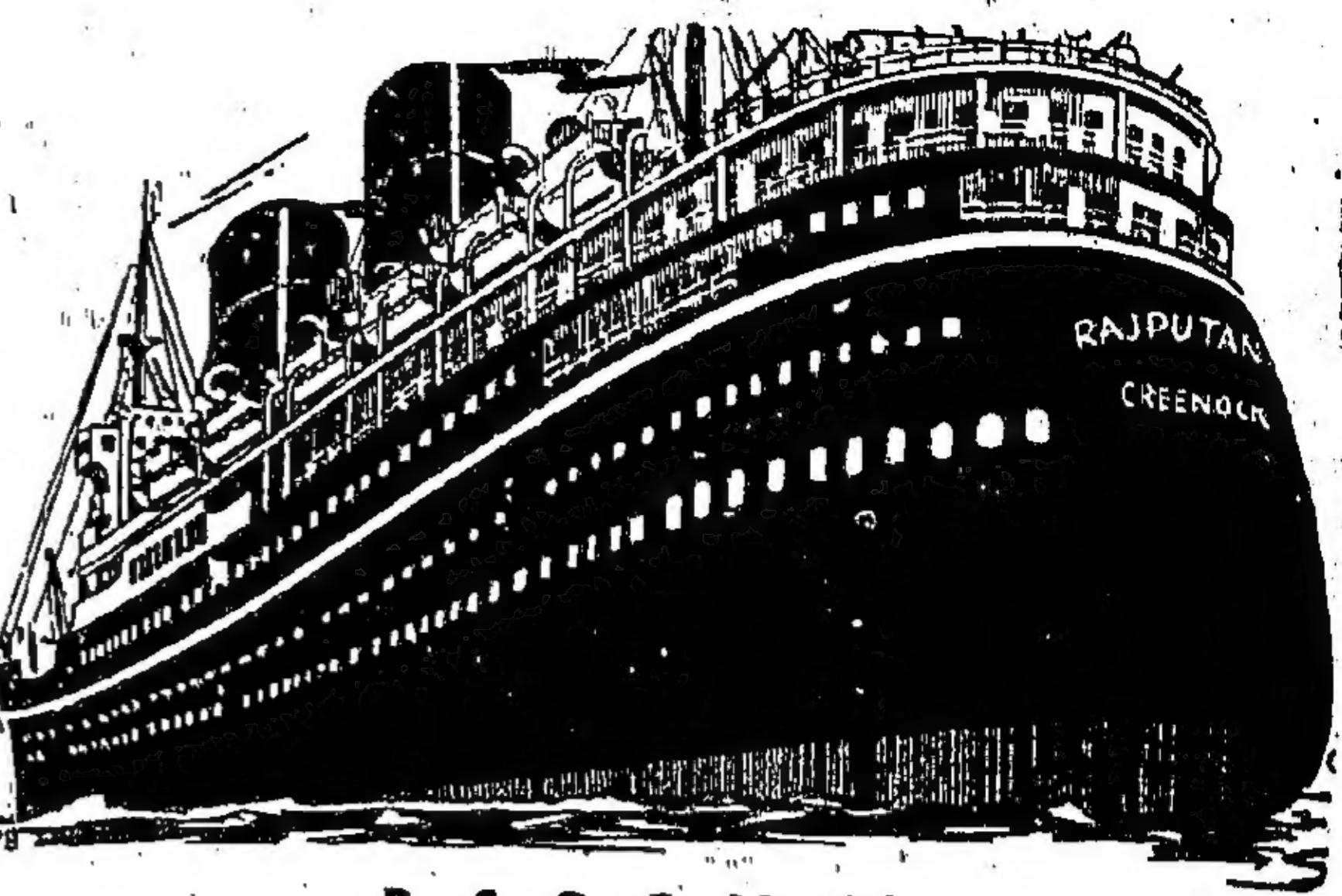
Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 57 F.

Rainfall, 0.02 ins.



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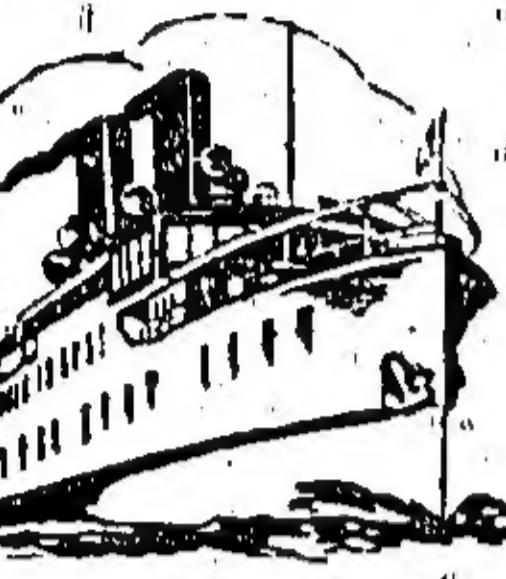
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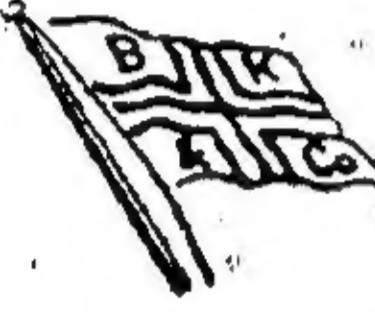
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## ROYAL SCOTS RETAIN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FOURTH YEAR

Winning 13 of the 15 bouts—six of which were via the knock-out route—2ND BN. ROYAL SCOTS beat 1ST BN. MIDDLESEX REGIMENT by 23 points to 16 to win the AREA INTER-UNIT NOVICES' BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP for the fourth year in succession at Nan-king Barracks, Shamshui-poo, last night.

## BRITISH EMBASSY STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter)—On the authority of the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, the British Embassy here has issued the following statement:—

"There have been repeated allegations in the press, some of which even found echo in Congressional record, to the effect that Mr. Churchill issued a statement in 1938 deprecating America's participation in the war of 1914/18.

"The statement, as reproduced in the various newspapers, read: 'Legally we owe this debt to the United States but logically we do not because America should have minded her own business and stayed out of the World War. If she had done so the Allies would have made peace with Germany in the spring of 1917 thus saving over 1,000,000 British, French, American and other lives and preventing the subsequent rise of Fascism and Nazism.'

"As a number of persons and some newspapers apparently have been deceived by the utter untruth put forward for the sole purpose of destroying the good relations between the United States and Britain the British Embassy wishes to state, on the Prime Minister's authority, that it is totally untrue that he ever made any such statement to the above or similar effect."

## LORDS QUERY FINANCE POLICY OF GOVT.

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—The Government adheres to a policy of avoiding inflation by every conceivable means in our power," said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, in the House of Lords yesterday, and he suggested that concern on this point was brought about by exaggerated or ill-founded arguments.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh said that he was afraid that the vicious spiral of inflation was already in operation and that a figure of interest in this matter was the gap between expenditure and revenue which he computed at about £800,000,000.

He strongly supported Mr. J. M. Keynes' plan of some kind of deferred pay, particularly in the case of wage earners who were getting substantially larger earnings than before the war.

Lord Simon, replying for the Government, said that the word "inflation" was used as though it was associated with rapidly-rising prices. Prices, he said, may rise in circumstances which do not involve this inflationary influence at all.

Referring to the gap between expenditure and revenue, Lord Simon said that it was important to remember the overseas aspect of this matter.

## CHESS RESULTS

K. Weiss managed to draw with C. M. Sequeira last night in the Colony Chess Championship Tournament.

The match was concluded about 12.30 p.m., Weiss managing to hold his opponent though a pawn down in the end game.

In another Championship match, G. S. Coxhead beat D. E. de Carvalho, after the latter had refused an offer of a draw.

In the Colony Junior Chess Championship, the results were:—Wm. Lee beat A. Morton, J. Grefalda beat R. C. Gardner, and V. V. Kolatchoff beat J. H. d'Almeida.

## PUNJAB GOVT. TO REWARD WARRIOR

LAHORE, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—The Punjab Government has reserved 15,000 acres in Nillibar Colony (Haveli Project) as rewards for war services, it is officially announced.

It is added that preference in awards will be given to those services are outstanding in assisting the war effort.

Enough science was not very much in evidence in all the fights, they were nevertheless very enjoyable to the large audience. Hard punching featured all the bouts.

The main event—the light-heavy weight—saw PTE. WILSON (Scots) obtain a close decision over PTE. COOPER. They fought three hard rounds, blow for blow, the former constantly piercing the latter's defense with his slashing right.

### GOOD STAMINA

All in all, the Scots, individually, were the harder punchers while their good stamina stood them in good stead.

The prizes were presented to the winners by His Excellency Major-Gen. A. E. Gressett.

The Band of the Middlesex Regiment, by courtesy of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart and Officers, and under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Kifford, A.R.C.M., was in attendance and rendered appropriate selections.

### THE RESULTS

The following were the results:—Bantam Weight—Pte. Ellis (Scots) beat Pte. Anderson on points.

Feather Weight (1st string)—Pte. Macey (M'sex) beat Pte. Woodrow on points; (2nd string) Pte. Hanshaw (M'sex) beat Pte. Richle on points.

Light Weight (1st string)—Pte. Cook (Scots) beat Pte. Grafton in a T.K.O.; (2nd string)—Pte. Laws (Scots) beat L/c Hill (K.O. in the 3rd); (3rd string)—Pte. McCall (Scots) beat Pte. Lanagan on points.

Welter Weight (2nd string)—L/c Hunter (Scots) beat Pte. Coleman (K.O. in the 2nd); (3rd string)—Pte. Melkile (Scots) beat Pte. Nash (K.O. in the 1st); (4th string) Pte. Black (Scots) beat Pte. Toomey (T.K.O. in the 1st).

Middle Weight (1st string)—L/c Chalmers (Scots) beat Pte. Burdige (K.O. in the 2nd); (2nd string)—Pte. Greig (Scots) beat L/c Munthenback (K.O. in the 1st); (3rd string)—Pte. Auld (Scots) beat Pte. Hogan (K.O. in the 3rd).

Light-heavy Weight—Pte. Wilson (Scots) beat Pte. Cooper on points. Heavy Weight—2/Lt. Hunter (M'sex) entry withdrawn.

Welter Weight (1st string)—Pte. Urquhart (Scots) beat Pte. Byford on points.

## HITLER WANTS EXCHANGE

Herr Hitler is sending to the United States a number of paintings by old masters in order to help him to obtain exchange facilities, states a message from Sydenham.

These paintings are on their way through Siberia and the Pacific and it is pointed out that this shows Herr Hitler's desperate economic position.—(Special)

## Special Fund Mooted For Post-War Building Of A Better Britain

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Some Government control of industry in the replanning which must take place at the end of the war is entailed in a proposal now being considered by Government, writes Reuters' Lobby correspondent.

The proposal is that half the money collected for excess profits duty shall not be used for meeting war expenditure but shall be placed in a special fund for the purpose of assisting various industries at the end of the war in making the change-over to peace conditions.

The proposal arises from complaints by industrialists that the present excess profits duty of 100 per cent. will not allow them to make provision for this purpose.

The problem of the demobilisation of the millions of men, now serving in the armed forces, has not been overlooked, and an Expert Committee, now sitting, has the task of examining the question in all its aspects and making recommendations for effective demobilisation of the men with the least possible dislocation.

Other matters, now being examined, include agricultural policy to enable this industry—still the largest in the country—to play a full share in national reconstruction.

The question of re-housing and national planning after the war is being examined under the direction

## WAY TO HEALTH IN WINTER

### WELL BALANCED DIET VITAL FACTOR

Prof. J. C. Drummond, scientific adviser to the British Ministry of Food, addressing the Industrial Welfare Society in London, said that food was probably the most vital factor in maintaining the security and efficiency of the home front.

A well-balanced diet would have a profound effect on health and resistance to infection and disease during the winter. He gave canteen stewards and managers the following outline of a three course meal which would help to build up workers:

Hot meat or fried fish, such as shepherds pie; beef stew or soured herrings, and a liberal helping of potatoes or some alternative dish.

Rice, pudding, date turnover, apple charlotte, bread and butter pudding, orange and fruit salads or other milk puddings.

A cup of milky cocoa or milky coffee.

### THIRD COURSE

The greatest importance, said Prof. Drummond, was attached to the third course.

The canteens should include in the weekly menus a certain quantity of basic food: milk, green vegetables, carrots, and wholemeal or brown bread or the new type of vitaminized white bread.

"The helpings of vegetable have to be definitely large than you will find in many canteens," he said. More vegetables and potatoes should also be introduced into soups.

The Ministry of Food was soon to make available wholemeal flour at the same price as white flour.

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, appealed to employers to provide adequate facilities for the provision of hot meals—breakfasts, dinners and teas—to their employees. He asked industrial concerns which were too small for an effective canteen unit to form a community group for their area to provide hot food during the day.

## MARSHAL PETAIN AT FRENCH RIVIERA

VICHY, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Marshal Petain arrived at Cagnes-Mer, French Riviera, yesterday in a special train in which he left here the previous night.

After leaving the station he went to his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet on the coast road about nine miles from Nice. At mid-day, Marshal Petain left the estate for the Cagnes station where in a private coach he received officials and friends.

## COL. DONOVAN AT BAGHDAD

Col. William Donovan, President Roosevelt's personal representative in the Balkans, has arrived in Baghdad on a visit to Iraq, states a London message.—(Special)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1941.

## FOREIGN MAIIS

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